THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 9th December 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at two of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Amount spent on free medical aid to N.G.Os.

* 356 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the actual amount spent so far now towards free medical aid to Non-Gazetted Officers by Government; and

(*b*) for what purposes such amounts were spent?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The information is not available. The time and labour involved in the collection of information from all parts of the State would be very considerable with little commensurate usefulness. It is also not possible to calculate the cost with reference to each class of patients."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" City లో వున్న N.G.O.'s కునూ, mufassal districts లో వున్న N.G.O.'s కునూ medical expenses లో వేరు వేరుగా యివ్వగలరా ? Mufassal లో districts నుంచి city లో వున్న ఆసుపతికి వచ్చునప్పుడు, ఈ N.G.O.'s, కు ఏమైనా T.A. ఇస్తారా?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I am not able to understand the question."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—"Mufassal లో N.G.O.'s కు Government Hospitals లో medical treatment ఉచితముగా యిస్తారని అంటున్నారు. అట్లాంటప్పుడు వారికి ఆ hospitals లో మందులు లేవని పంపివేయబడుతూ ఉంటే, అట్లు చెప్పిన డాక్టర్ల యిళ్లకు treatment కు వెళ్లితే, అన్ని మందులు ఉంటున్నాయి. ఈ సంగతి ఏమైనా ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసునా ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B SHETTY :—" Notice please."

Scholarships for Harijans.

* 358-A *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount applied for this year by the Director of Harijan Welfare towards residential and non-residential scholarships for Harijan and Backward communities; and

(*b*) the amount sanctioned by the Government this year for the purpose?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) Provision for scholarships is made in the Parts I and II Budgets. The provision asked for by the Director of Harijan Welfare, viz., Rs. 9,30,400 for eligible communities and Rs. 10 lakhs for Backward communities was allowed almost in full in the Budget Estimates for 1952-53. Over and above this, the Director of Harijan Welfare asked for an additional sum towards the grant of scholarships, which was not anticipated by the Director of Harijan Welfare at the time of Budget provision. Normally Government do not sanction additional expenditure over and above the budget provision during the course of the year unless it is very essential; also the amount of additional provision made is based on the availability of funds. Taking into account the ways and means position of the Government an additional allotment of Rs. 1 lakh for eligible communities and Rs. 75,000 for Backward Classes for the grant of scholarships was sanctioned by the Government. The Government do not consider it necessary to give any further detailed figures."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Schedule Caste Federation వారు ఈ scholarships grant చేసే సందర్భములో యిచ్చిన memorandum మంత్రిగారికి అందిందా ? ఎంతో మంది హరిజనులు scholarships లేక కష్టపడుతూ ఉంటే, వారికి ఎంత మొత్తం అక్కడ కావాలి ? అందుకుగాను sanction చేయటానికి ప్రభుత్వం ముందుకు వస్తుందా ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under the present financial circumstances, it was possible to make only this much provision."

SRI B. APPALASWAMI :—" District Board grants నుంచి scholarships ఇచ్చినట్లు వింటున్నాము. Residential scholarships లేక కుర్రవాళ్ళు బాధపడుతున్నారు. ఇంకనూ college కుర్రవాళ్లు పరీక్షకు జీతాలు కట్ట లేకుండా బాధపడుతున్నారు అని వింటున్నాము. ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఈ scholarships ను యిస్తూ, ఈ విద్యార్థుల అభివృద్ధికి త్వరలో ఖర్చు చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have already stated that over and above the budget allotment, Rs. 1 lakh for the eligible communities and Rs. 75,000 for the backward classes has been sanctioned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the trainees in the Teachers' Training School, Egmore, are denied these scholarships even though they belong to the Backward Communities? If there is any prohibition to granting them scholarships, may I know what the reason for it is and will the Hon. Minister look into the matter if it is brought to his notice? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know whether the scholarships for Backward Classes will be extended to the high school students? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under the present financial conditions, that question cannot be taken up now."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the fact that less number of scholarships are granted in Rayalaseema, will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the number of scholarships for Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Within the provision made, some consideration is shown to the backward areas including Rayalaseema."

SRI M. P. PERIASAMI :—" Is it a fact that in spite of numerous representations to the Government, a number of hostels newly started have not yet been given the grants for the year 1951–52? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Within the limited allotment, a fair distribution is made to applicants."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Is any portion of this allotment utilized for granting scholarships to Christians? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Some Christians are included in the eligible communities."

Tenders for the supply of Diesel oil engines.

* 358 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 2-10 p.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Joint Director of Agriculture called for tenders for the supply of diesel oil engines;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from Messrs. Modern Engineering Company, Madras, alleging that though all the tenders were opened, the tendered rates were not disclosed to the tenderers by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madras;

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter; and

(*d*) what is the general practice followed in calling for and accepting tenders for the supply of diesel oil engines?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) Yes. The Government found that there was no case to interfere in the matter as the Joint Director of Agriculture had followed correctly the normal practice and they have replied to that effect to the firm.